

TENNESSEE UNDERGROUND UTILITY DAMAGE ENFORCEMENT BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting on February 23, 2022

MINUTES

The Executive Committee meeting of the Tennessee Underground Utility Damage Enforcement Board commenced at 9:01 a.m., in the Ground Floor Conference Room of 502 Deaderick Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243.

Executive Committee Members Present:

Kevin Tubberville, Chairman Wayne Hastings, Vice Chairman Eddie Hood

TPUC Staff Present:

Aaron Conklin, Legal Advisor to the TPUC staff Ryan McGehee, Legal Advisor to the TUUDEB Stacy Balthrop Slayde Warren Monique Brazelton Jimmie Hughes

Tennessee 811 Present:

Bill Turner Curtis Russom

Roll Call & Minutes:

Roll call confirmed Chairman Kevin Tubberville, Vice Chairman Wayne Hastings, and Mr. Eddie Hood as present. The Committee considered the Minutes of the meeting of January 25, 2022. Mr. Tubberville motioned to approve the Minutes which were unanimously approved.

Presentation of Investigation of Complaints:

The Committee heard and ruled on the following complaints:

EB21-0244-

Alleged Violator: Southeast Excavation Alleged Excavator: Marcus Campbell Complainant: Knoxville Utilities Board

Facility Type: Gas Equipment: Excavator

Root Cause: Failure to notify Tennessee 811

Finding: In violation for failure to give notice prior to excavation and a civil penalty

of \$5,000 is assessed for subsequent violation.

EB21-0265-

Alleged Violator: Hernandez Plumbing Alleged Excavator: Jose Hernandez Complainant: Metro Water & Sewer

Facility Type: N/A **Equipment:** N/A

Root Cause: Reporting a false emergency for a locate ticket

Finding: In violation for reporting a false emergency for a locate ticket and a civil

penalty of \$5,000 is assessed for subsequent violation.

EB21-0282-

Alleged Violator: Southern Site Contractors
Alleged Excavator: Brandon Bowling
Complainant: Knoxville Utilities Board

Facility Type: Gas **Equipment:** Excavator

Root Cause: Failure to notify Tennessee 811

Finding: In violation for failure to give notice prior to excavation, Toby Ellis ordered to attend compliance training, and a civil penalty of \$7,500 is assessed for subsequent

violation.

EB21-0301-

Alleged Violator: T2 Green

Alleged Excavator: Jeremy Skinner

Complainant: Horton Highway Utility District

Facility Type: Gas
Equipment: Excavator

Root Cause: Excavating beyond the 15-day expiration

Finding: In violation for excavating beyond the 15-day expiration, Jeremy Skinner ordered to attend compliance training, and a civil penalty of \$2,500 is assessed for

subsequent violation.

EB21-0303-

Alleged Violator: Morristown Public Works

Alleged Excavator: Ryan Trent **Complainant:** Atmos Energy

Facility Type: Gas **Equipment:** Backhoe

Root Cause: Failure to use reasonable care within the tolerance zone

Finding: No violation

EB21-0306-

Alleged Violator: Fathers & Son Builders

Alleged Excavator: Jason Scholze

Complainant: Knoxville Utilities Board

Facility Type: Gas

Equipment: Mini excavator

Root Cause: Failure to use reasonable care within the tolerance zone

Finding: In violation for failure to use reasonable care within the tolerance zone and

Jason Scholze ordered to attend compliance training.

EB21-0307-

Alleged Violator: Broadband Technical Resources

Alleged Excavator: Jacob Woods

Complainant: Knoxville Utilities Board

Facility Type: Gas

Equipment: Directional drill

Root Cause: Failure to use reasonable care within the tolerance zone

Finding: In violation for failure to use reasonable care within the tolerance zone and

Jacob Woods ordered to attend compliance training.

EB21-0308-

Alleged Violator: Border Magic of East Tennessee

Alleged Excavator: Jamie Wurst

Complainant: Knoxville Utilities Board

Facility Type: Gas Equipment: Trencher

Root Cause: Excavating beyond the 15-day expiration

Finding: In violation for excavating beyond the 15-day expiration and Jamie Wurst

ordered to attend compliance training.

EB21-0309-

Alleged Violator: The Pipe Doctor **Alleged Excavator:** John McBride **Complainant:** Knoxville Utilities Board

Facility Type: Gas **Equipment:** Excavator

Root Cause: Failure to notify Tennessee 811

Finding: In violation for failure to give notice prior to excavation, Ben Taylor ordered to attend compliance training, and a civil penalty of \$2,500 is assessed for subsequent

violation.

EB21-0310-

Alleged Violator: Pipe Wrench Plumbing

Alleged Excavator: Chris Webb

Complainant: Knoxville Utilities Board

Facility Type: Water Equipment: Excavator

Root Cause: Failure to use reasonable care within the tolerance zone

Finding: In violation for failure to use reasonable care within the tolerance zone and

Chris Webb ordered to attend compliance training.

EB22-0005-

Alleged Violator: CKF Excavating **Alleged Excavator:** Kim Eades **Complainant:** Metro Sewer & Water

Facility Type: N/A **Equipment:** N/A

Root Cause: Reporting a false emergency for a locate ticket

Finding: No violation

EB22-0016-

Alleged Violator: Taylor Plumbing of East Tennessee

Alleged Excavator: Cody Byrd

Complainant: Knoxville Utilities Board

Facility Type: Gas
Equipment: Excavator

Root Cause: Failure to notify Tennessee 811

Finding: In violation for failure to give notice prior to excavation and a civil penalty

of \$7,500 is assessed for subsequent violation.

EB21-0311, EB21-0312, EB21-0313, and EB22-0008-

Alleged Violator: First Violation

Root Cause: Failure to notify Tennessee 811

Finding: In violation for failure to give notice prior to excavation.

Discussion of Future Topics for the Next Executive Committee Meeting

The update of the Training Program by Tennessee 811 was given at the Board meeting following the Executive Committee Meeting. The next Executive Committee meeting is March 29 at 10:00 a.m.

No member of the public sought to make comment during the public comment period.

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.